Quran Teachers and Arabic Pandits.

19. **Mr. K. Mohammed Seethi.**—(a) Are the Government aware of the serious discontent of the Muslim community on the failure of the Government to revise the salary of the Quran Teachers and Arabic Pandits;

(b) if they are in receipt of any and if so how many representations from the Muslims for the urging and immediate revision of the said teachers;

(c) what have the Government done to redress the grievance of the Muslim community in this matter?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) A few petitions and resolutions passed at meetings have been received.

(b) Vide answer to (a). As no separate register is maintained for registering such representations, it is not possible to give the exact number.

(c) The matter is under consideration.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—May I know whether it will be possible to find out the number of representations?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is possible but it will be a herculean task. All the registers have to be searched.

Arabic Pandit.

20. **Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Arabic Pandit provided for in the Budget for 1105 has been appointed;

(b) if the answer is in the negative, why it has not been done?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) Three posts of Arabic Pandits were provided for in the Cranganur Budget for 1105 and all the three posts were filled.

(b) No answer is necessary in view of answer to question (a).

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